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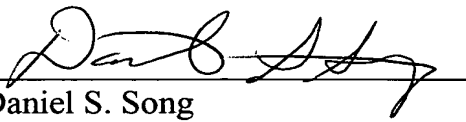
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A discussion of U.S. Patent Nos. 5,070,999 to Layne et al., 5,105,938 to Tan, 5,598,916 to Horton et al., 6,523,680 to Guldenfels, 5,372,248 to Horton, and 6,644,466 to Knott et al. is given in the specification at pages 1-3.

It is requested that the accompanying information disclosure statement be considered and made of record in the above-captioned application. To assist the Examiner, the documents are listed on the attached form PTO-1449. It is respectfully requested that an Examiner initialed copy of this form be returned to the undersigned.

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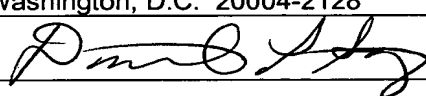
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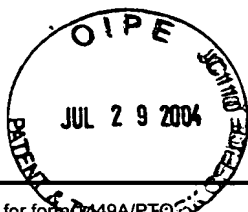
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